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Service Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Wind Facility

LACEY, Wash. — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is seeking public comment on a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for a proposed wind energy project in Lewis and Thurston counties, Washington. Comments may be submitted through January 14, 2019.

The Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project would consist of 38 commercial wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project, LLC has submitted a draft HCP in support of an Incidental Take Permit for the federally listed marbled murrelet and protected bald and golden eagles.

The publication in the *Federal Register* on November 30, 2018 opens a 45-day comment period. To request additional information or submit written comments, please use one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2018-0095.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, c/o Tim Romanski, 510 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503
- *Public meetings:* You may also submit written comments during public meetings.

The Service will hold two public open house meetings at the following locations:

- Chehalis, WA: Wednesday, December 5, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m., 100 SW Veterans Way, Chehalis, WA 98532
- Lacey, WA: Monday, December 10, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m., 4220 6th Avenue SE, Room 194, Lacey, WA 98503

A copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Habitat Conservation Plan for the Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/wafwo/>.

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